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11. (SBU) Post delivered reftel demarche on the upcoming vote on Kosovo's application to join the World Bank (WB) on June 2 to Godfrey Magwenzi, the head of Multi-Lateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Magwenzi explained that while Zimbabwe was supportive of Kosovo's application to join the WB, it was his country's position to wait until the International Court of Justice (ICJ) completed its ruling to determine the status of Kosovo's statehood, before voting in favor of entry into the WB. Poloff asked Magwenzi to reconsider because an abstention may block Kosovo's WB application due to quorum requirements. Despite this, we expect Zimbabwe to abstain.

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